

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 18, 2011

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 11, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 17, 2011 in the amount of \$ 262,851.51 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 11 – August 17, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from March 25 – August 15, 2011
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of July 2011 in the total amount of \$17,317.66.
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for July 2011
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the month of July 2011
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on August 15, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 988,669.40 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Bid No. 2011-7-1 “115 kV Relay Testing” be awarded to HMT, Inc in the total amount of \$182,900.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Bid No. 2011-7-2 “115 kV Circuit Switcher Installation” be awarded to Northline Utilities in the total amount of \$88,219.79.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise the 2009 capital project H8130.56 through increasing by \$500,000 the funding from the Sewer Capital Reserve to provide for the construction and construction services contracts for the project.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that CDM Amendment #2 “MacDonough Sewer Improvements” agreement be authorized and executed at an amount not to exceed \$125,550. Funding is from Capital Project H8130.56.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2011-18 “MacDonough Sewer Improvements” be awarded to Fiacco and Riley Construction Inc for a total amount of \$578,930 which will be funded by Capital Project H8130.56.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF SALLY MCSWEENEY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 19, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012.**

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration** “Request is made from the City Chamberlain to adopt City Of Plattsburgh Serial Bond Resolutions for various projects and purposes and

Whereas, the Common Council has received and reviewed copies of the entire text of the following proposed bond resolutions, identified as follows:

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4. Bond resolution of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, adopted August 18, 2011, authorizing the construction and reconstruction of streets (project H5110.33), stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$1,355,000, appropriating said amount therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,075,000 serial bonds of said city to finance said appropriation, and
5. Bond resolution of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, adopted August 18, 2011, authorizing the rehabilitation and improvements to Penfield Park and South Platt Park (project H7020.16), stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$100,000, appropriating said amount therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$100,000 serial bonds of said city to finance said appropriation, and
6. Bond resolution of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, adopted August 18, 2011, authorizing improvements to recreation department facilities (project H7220.39), stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$155,000, appropriating said amount therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$155,000 serial bonds of said city to finance said appropriation, and
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(project H3410.36), stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$200,000, appropriating said amount therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$200,000 serial bonds of said city to finance said appropriation, and

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Whereas, the Common Council wishes to adopt said resolutions, now therefore, it is

RESOLVED, By adopting this resolution the Common Council makes the findings and authorizes the actions set forth in each of the aforesaid resolutions, and hereby adopts each of said resolutions without the necessity of voting on each resolution separately; further

RESOLVED, that the entire text of each of said resolutions is made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**Councilor Rabideau moved the adoption of resolution 9.2 under “Resolutions for Initial Consideration” without the reading of the entire text of the resolution.**

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RESOLVED, By adopting this resolution the Common Council makes the findings and authorizes the actions set forth in each of the aforesaid resolutions, and hereby adopts each of said resolutions without the necessity of voting on each resolution separately; further

RESOLVED, that the entire text of each of said resolutions is made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

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## 8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Officer to attend the “NYS Forensic Interviewing Best Practices Training” in Utica, NY from September 20 - 23, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$799.50 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Officer to attend the “National Tactical Officers Association Less Lethal/FSDD/Chemical Agent Instructor Course” in Conshohocken, PA from October 30 – November 4, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,926 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Sole Assessor Derek Rosenbaum to attend the “Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal” in Latham, NY from September 7 – 9, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$275.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration** “Request from Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, GA from November 1-3, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, GA from November 1-3, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

- 1.** Request by the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2011 General Fund Budget by an increase of \$31,185.00 equally in estimated revenues and appropriations in order to provide funding for the unbudgeted 2011 police academy costs.
- 2.** Request is made from the City Chamberlain to adopt City Of Plattsburgh Serial Bond Resolutions for various projects and purposes and



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RESOLVED, that the entire text of each of said resolutions is made a part of the minutes of this meeting. **(Move to agenda under "Other Items" Letter G)**

3. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from June 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 in the total amount of \$3,487.07. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .38%.
4. Request from the Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters that the third season (October 1 – April 1) of the North Country's Biggest Loser Program be approved.
5. Request from Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, GA from November 1-3, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,800. **(Move to agenda under "Travel Requests" Letter D)**
6. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one Police Officer to attend the "New York State Drug Evaluation & Classification Program for Drug Recognition Expert Mandatory Yearly DRE Recertification Training" in Schenectady, NY from September 19 - 20, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$296.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).
7. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one Police Officer to attend the "Heckler & Koch Armorers Training School for the UMP" in Ashburn, VA from September 13 -14, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,076.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel

expense).

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## **11. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Jackson** said to reiterate the compliment you gave the **Engineering Department**. I find it amazing how quickly they were able to patch between Prospect and Cornelia Street where the split occurs between Broad and Cornelia. I drove up through Broad Street the other day and then I just drove down through Cornelia about an hour ago and it didn't take them long less than a week both roads and that is busy intersection they worked on and they did a great job.

**Councilor Rabideau** said not only that but they had the striping done that was quick.

**Councilor Jackson** said there was no messing around with that and for the amount of traffic that flows through those intersections each day it was really well done.

**Councilor Carpenter** said I was looking for Kevin but he's not here, Mike, maybe you would know. Any idea when the foot bridge will be done.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said it is pretty close.

**Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi** said it is just about finished. We picked up some scrap material from it and I think it should be just about finished.

**Councilor Carpenter** said so it should be open soon.

**Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi** said I'll say next week sometime.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said and Boynton should be paved next week.

**Councilor Jackson** said I asked Kevin that and he said they'll have tarmac tomorrow so final paving will be like Tuesday next week.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said and we're working on Miller Street.

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## **12. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42 pm**